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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PAPER ON TOKAI REPROCESSING DECISION

1. WE ARE PROVIDING HERewith AS FOLLOW-UP TO SEPTel ON SAFEGUARDS A PAPER ON TOKAI WHICH YOU SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE TO THE GOI AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. WE CONTEMPLATE THE PRESIDENT DISCUSSING TOKAI WITH THE INDIANS ONLY ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS, IN WHICH CASE HE COULD DIRECT THEM TO THE PAPER FOR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE TOKAI DECISION CANNOT BE REGARDED AS A PRECEDENT FOR DECISIONS ON REPROCESSING FACILITIES IN INDIA OR OTHER COUNTRIES. TEXT FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE: TOKAI REPROCESSING DECISION

THE TOKAI DECISION WAS A VERY CIRCUMSCRIBED ONE, MADE IN
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UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES.

JAPAN IS AN NPT PARTY WITH FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS; AGREED IT WOULD NOT USE THE PRODUCT FOR RECYCLING IN LIGHT WATER REACTORS; WILL NOT PROCEED DURING THE NEXT TWO YEARS, AT LEAST, WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONVERSION FACILITY THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR SUCH USE; AND WILL AVOID ANY

MAJOR MOVES TOWARD FURTHER REPROCESSING FACILITIES AND WILL
IN ANY FUTURE DECISION TAKE THE RESULTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION INTO ACCOUNT.

WE AGREED TO PERMIT THE REPROCESSING OF A LIMITED AMOUNT OF
U.S.-ORIGIN FUEL, (UP TO 99 METRIC TONS DURING A 2 YEAR
PERIOD) WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO OUR RIGHT OF CONSENT OVER THE
DISPOSITION OF ANY OTHER U.S.-ORIGIN FUEL AT ANY TIME IN
THE FUTURE.

JAPAN UNDERTOOK TO DO EXPERIMENTAL WORK ON CO-PROCESSING AND
ADVANCED SAFEGUARDS, AND TO CONVERT OPERATION OF THE PLANT
TO A CO-PROCESSING MADE, IF TECHNICALLY FEASIBLE AND EFFEC-
TIVE FROM A NON-PROLIFERATION POINT OF VIEW, AFTER TWO
YEARS.

SINCE THAT CASE, LEGISLATION HAS BEEN INTRODUCED THAT WOULD
EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE OUR TREATING IT AS A PRECEDENT.

IMMINENT PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION IS EXPECTED. UNQUOTE.
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